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STATEMENT ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The record as a whole makes the reasons for allowance clear. Thus, a statement on reasons for allowance is unnecessary, 37 C.F.R. §104. The "Reasons for Allowance" thus might (and in fact do) misleadingly summarize the record as a whole. For example, only parts of the independent claims have been mentioned in the Reasons, as though those parts themselves sum up the invention when it is axiomatic that the claim as a whole defines the patentable subject matter. Additionally, while the reasons for allowance concede that Applicant's arguments on appeal are persuasive, contrary to the reasons for allowance nowhere in the appeal brief did Applicant argue that Claim 1 was patentable based on an unclaimed detailed description of "cover". Arguments were advanced relative to some details of the term "cover" with respect to Claim 17, which explicitly recites those details, but not relative to Claim 1. Still further, the reasons for allowance mention elements such as "presenting covers in a ranked order", "input device", and "output device" that do not appear in the independent claims.

It is of course true that a dependent claim of an allowable independent claim is itself allowable regardless of its limitations. It is not true that this means that the limitations of the dependent claims themselves do not impart further patentability, which they do. Since the record as a whole, including Applicant's last response, makes clear why the dependent claims are further patentable, the record must be read to indicate the patentability of the dependent claims not just by virtue of their dependency on an allowable independent claim but additionally by virtue of their own limitations.

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